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National D-Day Museum to be Featured in Merchant Marine Memorial Service Program

The President and CEO of the National D-Day Museum Foundation, Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller, will present a short program on the role of the Merchant Marine in D-Day as part of this year's National Maritime Day Merchant Marine Memorial Service on May 20, at the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. Mr. Mueller's presentation will include pictures, documents, and other materials from the museum's collection. This year will mark the 60th Anniversary of D-Day.

Highlights of the music presentations for this year include soloist Erin Gantt (USMMA, Class of 1983) who will sing the National Anthem and lead participants in the hymn "Eternal Father." Ms. Gantt's rendition of "Heave Ho" (official song of the U.S. Maritime Service) was a highlight of the ground breaking ceremony for the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. A requiem solo, "The Whispers of the Sea," has been composed especially for Maritime Day 2004 by Washington-based composer Philip Momchilovich. It will be performed by Susan Clark, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs.

The invocation and benediction at this year's Merchant Marine Memorial Service in Washington will be given by Reverend Father John A. Jamnicky, National Director of the Apostleship of the Sea. Father Jamnicky holds a U.S. merchant mariner document, and has been involved in People on the Move Apostolates since 1980.

Apostleship of the Sea works worldwide with men and women of many denominations to reach out to seafarers, fishers, their families, and all who work or travel on the high seas. The Apostleship of the Sea is part of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

MARAD's Maritime Day observance will be held at the U.S. Navy Memorial Auditorium, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., in Washington, D.C. at 10:30 am on Thursday, May 20.



The Apostleship of the Sea logo denotes the three beacons guiding and welcoming seafarers to a safe haven, now and for eternity. The rays of light (faith) reach for and touch the life preserver (hope) while emanating from a warm heart (charity) upon the anchor of stability.

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National Defense Tank Vessel Construction Program

By Greg Sparkman, Chief, Division of Shipping Analysis

As part of the Maritime Security Act of 2003, Congress authorized the establishment of a new tank vessel construction program to be administered by the Maritime Administration. Under the new program, the federal government will provide assistance for the construction in the United States of a fleet of up to five privately owned product tank vessels. These vessels must be operated in commercial service in foreign commerce. The vessels must also be capable of carrying militarily useful petroleum products and be available for national defense purposes. The amount of assistance that may be paid by MARAD for an approved vessel construction, subject to the availability of appropriations, is up to 75 percent of the actual construction cost of the vessel, but in no case more than \$50 million per vessel.

Vessel characteristics have been established in the statute and by the Department of Defense to ensure that these double-hulled tankers would be competitive in the commercial market and would meet the petroleum transportation needs of DOD in time of war or national emergency. Vessel owners are granted a priority for loan guarantees under Title XI for building these vessels and will receive a priority for the award of any operating agreement under the new Maritime Security Program. While the program has been authorized, the necessary funding has not yet been appropriated by Congress.

Two public meetings were held by MARAD in January to entertain questions and comments from representatives of the both the ship-building and ship owning/operating industries. Both meetings were well attended and several useful suggestions were received. A detailed Request for Proposals for those parties interested in the program has been completed and is available on MARAD's website. This RFP consists of two phases. First phase proposals will be evaluated to determine whether the requirements of the Act and other requirements established by MARAD have been met. If so, parties submitting those proposals may participate in the second phase. Proposals in the second phase will be evaluated to determine which ones provide the best value to the Government as determined by MARAD. Phase one applications are due on June 18, and the entire process for awarding the assistance should conclude by the end of the calendar year.

We are encouraged by the level of interest in the new program and are optimistic that several competitive proposals from the industry will be submitted. Implementation of the new building program would result in many benefits including the employment of trained U.S. citizen crews, long-term work for the nation's shipyards and the availability of new tank vessels as naval auxiliaries for military support.

Upcoming Events

U.S. Department of Transportation
National Transportation Week
May 17-21, 2004

National Maritime Day Merchant
Marine Memorial Service
May 20, 2004
United States Navy Memorial
Washington, DC

National Maritime Day
May 22, 2004

Dedication of the National World
War II Memorial
May 29, 2004
Washington, DC

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Class of 2004 Commencement
June 21, 2004
Kings Point, NY

If you know of an upcoming event you would like published in the *MARAD Update*, please submit it to Ella Thomas at ella.thomas@marad.dot.gov.

Naval Reservists Actively Support Sealift Operations in *Operation Iraqi Freedom II*

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As the U.S. military continues its *Operation Iraqi Freedom II* mission, naval reservists are called upon to serve sealift operations. I am a drilling reservist supporting the Military Sealift Command's (MSC) Northern Persian Gulf 105 Detachment, Pittsburgh, Pa., and recently returned from active duty at the Port of Ash Shuaybah, Kuwait.

During my annual training, I served with MSC Kuwait supporting the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division and 2nd MEF deployment of aircraft, tracked and wheeled vehicles from the U.S. Naval Service, and MARAD's Ready Reserve Force sealift vessels. MSC Kuwait continues with the redeployment of 3rd and 4th Infantry Division cargo movements.

Notable was MSC Kuwait's assistance to extinguish the *USNS Shughart's* engine room fire in early March. The contributions by the U.S. active duty and reserve members, the SDDC-598th Battalion; U.S. and Kuwaiti fire and rescue teams; crews of MARAD's *Cape Ducato* and *Cape Douglas*; *USNS Sisler* and *USNS Red Cloud*; and the Port of Ash Shuaybah not only limited damage to the ship, but also saved all remaining on board cargo with no loss of life.



Peter Petrelis at MSC Kuwait at the Port of Ash Shuaybah, Kuwait



MARAD's *Cape Victory* offloading military materiel at the Port of Ash Shuaybah, Kuwait

Photos by Peter Petrelis



As an agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) mission is to strengthen the U.S. maritime transportation system—including infrastructure, industry, and labor—to meet the economic and security needs of the nation. MARAD programs promote the development and maintenance of an adequate, well-balanced United States merchant marine, sufficient to carry the Nation's domestic waterborne commerce and a substantial portion of its waterborne foreign commerce, and capable of service as a naval and military auxiliary in time of war or national emergency. MARAD also seeks to ensure that the United States maintains adequate shipbuilding and repair services, efficient ports, effective intermodal water- and land-transportation systems, and reserve shipping capacity for use in time of national emergency.

To the spread of our trade in peace and the
defense of our flag a great and prosperous
Merchant Marine is indispensable.

Theodore Roosevelt: To Congress
December 7, 1903

DOT Road Scholars II Kick Asphalt at Annual Cherry Blossom Run

By Chris Krusa, Director, Office of Maritime
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Left to Right: Bridget Zamperini, Mike Bouril, and
Chris Krusa

Photo by Chris Krusa, MAR-410

On Sunday, April 4, the "DOT Road Scholars II" participated in the 2004 Credit Union Cherry Blossom ten-mile run. Held in Washington, D.C., it is one of the most prestigious road race events in the United States. The temperature was around 40 degrees, wind blowing hard with gusts upwards of 35 mph out of the west, and the threat of rain mixed with snow. The start of the race was at 8:00 a.m., but it felt like 7:00 a.m. since it was the morning that clocks were turned forward one hour for daylight savings time.

The DOT Road Scholars II performed extremely well. MARAD team members were Chris Krusa, MAR-410, Captain and Coach; Mike Bouril, MAR-770; and Richard Corley, MAR-820. Murray Bloom, MAR-222, is also a member, but he could not make the event. Murray's training regimen is an inspiration to the team and this helps greatly to ensure unity of purpose. The other members were Bridget Zamperini (prior DOT, now TSA, and married to Mike Bouril) and Ira Leibowitz (FHWA).

The DOT Road Scholars II placed fourth of nine U.S. Government teams entered. The team remains dedicated to improving this record next year, and may even apply for a "Road Scholarship" to train with the Kenyans who always seem to win this race. Finally, the effort was not possible without other DOT personnel, Al Logie and Tracy Busch from FHWA, who braved the miserable weather and cheered the team on and provided a very eye catching sign. Richard Corley, who finished strong, was not able to get to the picture taking ceremony because of the extreme weather, which when he crossed the finish, included tiny bits of windblown ice. Go Rich!

Running independently, John Hoban, MAR-330, was reported to have survived.

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